

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

When a downshift instruction has been detected, the oil pressure of a lookup
5 clutch is controlled, and the state of operation of the automatic transmission is
detected. If a starting condition has been met, a slip rotation speed of the lockup
clutch is calculated, and if the calculated slip rotation speed is greater than or equal to
a reference rotation speed, the calculated slip rotation speed is set as a target slip
rotation speed. If a condition for converging the target slip rotation speed has been
10 met, the target slip rotation speed is then converged to a steady target rotation speed.